

Golden Gate Speranza

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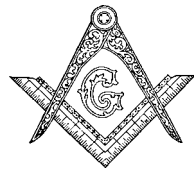
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Lodge No. 30, F. & A.M.

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TRESTLEBOARD

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

Budget 2008,

Vote on Temple Board Vacancies

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

First Degree Conferral upon

Mr. Nestor Guia Reyes

Degree 7:30 PM

Light supper after degree (sandwich board)

Attire: Officers will wear Tuxedos

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Officer's Practice 2nd Degree

Prepare for School of Instruction

6:30 PM Dinner - Attire: Casual

7:00 PM Practice

Candidates work on proficiencies

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Officer's School of Instruction

Second Degree

Golden Gate Speranza is the Host Lodge

Officers are required to call off with the Inspector

Brotherhood Masonic Center - Attire: Casual

6:15 P.M. Dinner, 7:00 P.M. School

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Sweetheart Dinner

Come see the picture presentation

of the 2007 London Trip

6:30 P.M. Dinner

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

Looking Ahead

Tuesday March 4, 2008

6:30 P.M. Dinner with the ladies

Reservations required: 415-221-2907

7:30 P.M. Stated Meeting

FROM THE EAST



Greetings my friends. It seems that we were just saying Happy New Year. How time flies or tempus fugit if you are into Latin. By the way, that expression was first used in the poem *Georgics* written by Roman poet Virgil: *Sed fugit interea fugit irreparabile tempus*, which means, "But it flees in the meantime: irretrievable time flees". Boy you can say that again!

I was pleased to get hear from Paula Brown, widow of Richard C. Brown, P.M. She asked a very interesting question that others might be interested in. She noticed in the December bulletin that under the list of officers for the New Year the Treasurer and the Secretary each had the title of "The Worshipful" before their names and the other Past Masters did not. The



Vision Statement: Golden Gate Speranza Lodge #30 is an organization which values harmony and is friendly to all men. It supports public education and the Masonic youth groups because Masonic values are vital to our youth and their future. It imparts worthwhile Masonic education to its members as well as educating the community about Masonry. Membership in this Lodge will result in lifelong friends, a feeling of belonging, support when needed, an understanding of Masonry, and an understanding of service to others.

MEMBERSHIP

Awaiting Degrees

Second: Bro. Jason A. Benton - initiated October 31, 2006

Second: Bro. George S. Lazar - initiated January 30, 2007

Second: Bro. Jonathon Paul McCluskey - initiated April 24, 2007

Second: Bro. James C. Steinway - initiated January 30, 2007

Second: Bro. Leonard J. Millick - initiated May 15, 2007

Second: Bro. William Jee Keung Fong - initiated August 28, 2007

Second: Bro. Carl P. Zwanzig - initiated October 23, 2007

Second: Bro. Robert J. Leung - initiated November 13, 2007

answer is that they are both Inspectors of the Grand Lodge of California. Our Treasurer, The Worshipful James Adams, is the Inspector of the 163rd Masonic District, and our Secretary, The Worshipful Glenn Whiteside, is the Inspector of the 162nd Masonic District. I was glad Paula had brought this to my attention as I had made an error in their titles. Did you spot it? Well, you can use *The Worshipful or Worshipful* in front of the name or *P.M.* after the name, but you can not use both. It goes to show you that we are always learning in life.

I was also pleased that Brother Don Fontaine volunteered to be our Junior Steward. As of the December bulletin, we did not have the position filled. Br. Don stepped forward and showed his devotion to the Lodge by offering his services. With his appointment, the line was filled. Thank you my brother!

I was looking for something of substance to continue my message about supporting our Fraternity. I opened the Short Talk Bulletin published by the Masonic Service Association, and there it was. What follows is a portion of the speech by Vern Wertz, PGM of Oregon which was entitled, *Leadership, It Must Be Given Away*:

“There are those who believe we have entered the last age of man. The last because we, unquestionably, have the capacity of destroying every living thing on earth, and we can do it in a multitude of ways. Of greater concern is the fact that every day it seems more and more likely that some fanatic will light the fuse of total destruction.

And what should we do about this? I believe there is only one answer! We should take the lamp of truth and walk among our neighbors. We should continue to search for those good men who obey God and serve his children. We should look for men with fire in the heart and wings on their feet who will show other good men the pathway of brotherly love that we call Freemasonry. We must, each one of us, continue to lead in the advancement of our gentle craft.”

So now you know!
Fraternally,
Patrick J. Burke, Master

A Look at the CMC

\$804.450. BALLOT SECRECY.

Except for the three officers whose duty it is to examine the ballot box, no one is entitled to know the number of votes cast for or against an applicant. There shall be no discussion regarding an unfavorable ballot. No member of a Lodge shall be required, requested, or allowed to divulge his vote upon a ballot, or to assign reasons for such vote, if it be known, except to the Master for the purpose of correcting a mistake. [Source: Sections 26190 and 26210 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]

FROM THE WEST

By Vrej M. Mekhalian

MASONRY MORE HONORABLE THAN ANY OTHER ORDER

MATTHEW HOATH

Lodge of the Quest No. 587

Victoria, Australia

Virginia Masonic Herald—May-June, 1964

When investing the Entered Apprentice with the badge he is informed that it is more ancient than the Golden Fleece and more honorable than the Star and Garter. The main object of my talk is to tell you something of these orders. First, the wording of the investiture was compiled in about 1717 (in the Grand Lodge of England or its Lodges) and was revised in 1813.

The Golden Fleece

According to Greek legend, King Pelias of Thessaly had ousted his brother Aeson and to rid himself of Aeson's son, Jason he persuaded the lad to fetch the Golden Fleece which hung on an oak tree at Ares in Colchis. It was guarded by a dragon. The adventures of Jason and his fifty companions, who sailed with him make one of the finest stories of Greek literature. (The fleece came from the mythical ram on which Phrixus and Helle escaped from death and was hung in the Grove at Ares by Phrixus, who alone survived the flight from his native land.)

The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded by Philip the Good, duke of

Burgundy, in January, 1429, on occasion of his marriage to Isabella, daughter of King John I, of Portugal. The order was instituted for the protection of the Catholic Church. The fleece was chosen as the emblem because wool was the predominate product of the lower European countries in which the order flourished. The number of knights of the order was twenty-four. In 1433 the number was raised to thirty-three, all gentlemen by birth. In 1477, on the marriage of Mary of Burgundy with Duke Maximilian, the grand mastership of the order passed to the House of Hapsburg. The last chapter of the original Order was held by Philip II of Spain in the cathedral of Ghent. Up to that time the knights had filled the vacancies by their own votes, but Philip II obtained permission of Pope Gregory XIII to nominate the knights himself.

After the Spanish Netherlands were ceded to Austria in 1713-14, the Austrians claimed the office. The resulting dispute split the order into two parts—one in Austria and one in Spain.

The jewel of the order (which differs slightly in the two countries) is a golden ram hanging from a ring which is passed around its middle. This is suspended from a scroll in very elaborate design with the motto, (in Latin) The reward of labor is not trifling. The jewel, in turn, is attached to a golden collar made up of links. Each link is in the form of a capital “B” with rays issuing from it. The collar is usually worn with full dress. On ordinary occasions a broad red ribbon collar is worn in its place.

Since its inception this order has been considered as the most important and highest of all civil orders on the European continent. The order has no standing in England, hence we hear little of it. No British subject is permitted to accept this, or any other foreign order, without special permission from the sovereign. At the time of the dispute over the order between Austria and Spain in 1714, speculative Masonry was gaining a firm footing and its ritual was then revised and prominence given to the Golden Fleece.

To be continued in March bulletin.

FROM THE SOUTH

By David G. Walda

I am honored to sit in the South for the first time as a Master Mason, though I am not as "seasoned" as some of my Brothers. I look forward to the challenge and Masonic work that the brethren of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge will do together this coming year. I also appreciate comments and suggestions, so feel free to contact me.

Our Lodge has financially supported the Masonic youth organizations for some time, namely the San Francisco Assembly of the Rainbow for Girls, the Jobs Daughters, and San Francisco Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. These are important Masonic-supported youth groups that are intended to provide a safe environment for various activities, and leadership building, while working with adults who can provide good role models. These youth groups are even more important today given the many distractions that our youth now face in their everyday lives.

As with our lodges, many of these youth organizations have seen declining participation. As Masons, we should be looking out for the youth in our families—sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, nieces, nephews, etc — including the youth of our friends and close acquaintances, and encouraging their participation.

During the last twelve months, I have started to attend and help with the San Francisco Chapter of DeMolay, and have applied to become an advisor. Having been a DeMolay in my youth, I can attest to how it helped improve my character and leadership. DeMolay prepared me to be a better young man so I would be a better citizen, friend, parent and leader. Even Brother Pembroke has applied to become an advisor for this DeMolay chapter

Young girls and boys do not have to be related to Masons to join *Rainbow for Girls* or the *Order of DeMolay* for boys. To join the *Jobs Daughters*, the girls must be related to a Mason. All of these groups have their own websites, with links that can be found on our Lodge website. I can be contacted regarding questions for the San Francisco DeMolay Chapter, as well as for inquiries about DeMolay in general.

Golden Gate Speranza Lodge 2008 Calendar of Social Events "A Work in Progress"

February 26
Sweetheart Dinner

March 10-12
Two Night
Reno Train Trip

July
Dark

June 28
Widows Event
Trip to Columbia
Lunch and the musical South Pacific

August
Mystery Trip with Phoenix Lodge

September 4
Constitutional Observance

November
Anniversary Dinner-TBA

December 9
Installation of 2009 Officers

**All events subject to change
Please check the Trestleboard**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend greetings to the following members of Golden Gate Speranza Lodge who will be celebrating their birthday during the month of February.

John C. Robinson	2
Raymond J. Miller	4
Armando Bolaños, P.M.	14
Timothy Craig	15
Frederick J. Gundran, Jr.	17
Marc R. Seidenfeld, P.M.	18
Sefic Kaan Yucel	22
Ernest G. Batchelor, Jr.	24
Chadwick C. Ertola	26
Jorge E. Bernales	28
George H. Whitaker	28
Harry Wielen	29

Brethren celebrating their birthday are invited for a complimentary dinner.

Lodge Notification

**Vote on Temple Board
Vacancies
Two Terms ending in 2010
At the Stated Meeting
February 5, 2008**

If you know of a brother who is ill or in distress please let our sunshine chairman James Poulos know so we can send out some cheer. His phone number is on page 4.



IN MEMORIAM

Robert O. Reynolds, PM
Raised June 25, 1947
Entered into Rest
January 1, 2008

*Almighty Father
Into Thy Hands
We Commend the Soul of our
Dear Departed Brother*

**Memorial service will be held
February 23, 2008
at 12 noon
Fairfax Lodge No. 556
1122 Magnolla Ave.
Larkspur, CA 94939**

Youth Groups Schedules

San Francisco Assembly #1
Rainbow for Girls
Meets: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 7:00 pm
Golden Gate Masonic Temple

Jobs Daughters Bethel #37
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Scottish Rite Center

DeMolay, San Francisco Chapter
1st & 3rd Fridays, 7:30pm
Golden Gate Masonic Temple